

**RUSHVILLE CITY COMMON COUNCIL**  
**TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2012**  
**6:00 P.M.**

The Rushville City Common Council met on the above date and time at 270 W 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., with Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier and Brian Sheehan answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, Mike Selke, WIFE Radio, and Melissa Conrad, *Rushville Republican*.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the April 3, 2012 meeting were presented for approval. Berkemeier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Pavey reported:

- The leadership training is this Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the 201 Building.
- April 30 at 7:00 p.m. Scottsburg Mayor Bill Graham will present a program "Partners for Progress". The program will take place at the School Administration building on West 8<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Jim Finan and Sandy Fussner, the new Chamber Director, are attending a Jerry Finkle program in Madison.
- The trenches have been dug in the North Industrial Park as a part of the archeological study. We are waiting to receive the report.
- The Miller Family Circus will be in Rushville on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Tickets may be purchased from Chamber members.
- ARA has been holding several meetings for the homeowner repair program. There have been several applicants. They will be having a site visit and the application is due by May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- There will be a meeting regarding the Fraley Wilker drainage on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 in the Commissioner's Chamber at the Courthouse.
- Asked Council if anyone would be willing to serve on an employee benefit committee. Councilmen Sheehan and Bridges volunteered to serve on the committee.

**CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT**

Clerk-Treasurer Copley reported that a portion of the undistributed money from the State has been received. The City received \$34,521.92 in Cedit funds. A portion of that was money that was not distributed in 2011 and a portion was a catch up for 2012. We will be receiving additional funds in our monthly Cedit distribution of a little over \$2,000.00. We should also receive additional Cedit Homestead Credit in our annual tax distribution. The total amount expected to be received by the City is \$72,940.00.

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### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Bridges reported that the Fiber Board met today and approved a contract for 1-year maintenance on the fiber with Boyer.

Bridges said he received a concern about a potentially unsafe tree located at 507 North Perkins. He asked if Jemmy Miller would take a look at it and send a letter to the owner.

He also received a complaint on properties located at 1513 and 1527 State Road 3. No one currently lives at these properties. The neighbors are maintaining the front yards. Bridges asked that a letter be sent to the owners to inform them that they need to maintain the property.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Comprehensive Plan** – Councilman Smith said he and Councilman Berkemeier have been reviewing the old plan. He said it appears that 85% will be updating the old plan. They will be meeting with Joe Rathz. He said they are discussing if a survey needs to be issued. They hope to have something to Council by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS**

**Police** – Chief Tucker informed Council that the Board of Works hired Charles Tate as a patrolman with the stipulation that he move to Rushville within 6 months.

Officer Ervine and the new K-9 are in training for the next 2 weeks.

On May 3 there will be a blood draw for fallen officers at the Police Department. Tucker said if anyone would like more details to contact him.

**Fire** – Assistant Chief Munson said they have begun inspections of businesses South of town.

He informed Council that Chief Jenkins indicated that he has no problems with the Ordinance on today's agenda for the unsafe buildings.

**Street** – Commissioner Miller informed Council that the Board of Works gave him permission to hire Wainwright Ingram for part time employment of 15 hours per week to work on the garbage truck. Ingram will be paid \$7.50 per hour.

Miller said he had an issue where he needed to call in a locate in the area of the Girls' Softball Diamond, but there was no street name. He asked Councilman Sheehan to research the matter.

Miller also reminded everyone that next week is the first week of heavy trash pickup.

**Animal** – Moran apprised Council of a dog walking program that she is working on with Nina Shilling. The dogs will be wearing vests that say “adopt me”.

Moran is working with Newhouse to prepare an ordinance to make pet owners responsible for vet bills that she incurs at the shelter.

#### **CITIZEN CONCERNS**

None.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**8<sup>th</sup> & Maple Traffic Concern** – Ordinance 2012-11 was presented to Council that would change the speed limit to 25 miles per hour for East 8<sup>th</sup> Street from George Street to Fort Wayne Road. Smith questioned if the area should be expanded to begin at Willow Street, which would include approximately 3 more blocks. Bridges said he did not think this was necessary.

Smith asked Marcia Crowdus if this was satisfactory with the residents. She said it was and thanked everyone for their help to remedy this problem. Smith also asked Chief Tucker to increase the patrol in the area.

Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-11. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Yard Sale Policy** – Pavey said right now this has been pushed back to the APC and Councilman Berkemeier will be “carrying the flag” for us in this regard. He said they have named an assistant director. Berkemeier said the assistant director is Kate Singleton she has worked with other cities and towns and has a background in urban design and architecture.

Berkemeier said they will be working on the yard sale issue. He said the current ordinance is very vague. Bridges asked if the APC would enforce the sales right now. Berkemeier said that was a good question. Smith said they should. Pavey said he thought that was a debatable piece and that is one of the reasons it has been brought up. Bridges said this is a question that needs to be answered.

**Resolution 2012-6 Temporary Loan** – Bridges made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-6 for a temporary loan. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2012-9 Amendment to Unsafe Building Ordinance** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-9. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried. The ordinance will be current with the State.

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**Ordinance 2012-10 Installation of Handicap Parking Signs at the T-Ball Diamond –**

Ruby Welter came before Council to ask for consideration of placing handicap signs near the t-ball diamond. Bridges said he did not think Alonzo Street was a dedicated street; therefore, the City would not have authority to place the sign. He questioned placing the sign directly on the property. He said he was not sure the ordinance was necessary.

Berkemeier made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-10 as written, but striking “on Alonzo Way”. Motion died for lack of second.

Bridges made a motion to allow Rush County T-Ball to erect 2 temporary handicap parking signs by the restroom and to have Councilman Sheehan approach the remaining youth ball leagues to see if they also wish to erect signs at their diamonds. The City will provide the signs. After further discussion, Bridges rescinded this motion.

Bridges then made a motion to allow the Rush County T-Ball league to erect 2 temporary handicap parking signs by the t-ball dugout and have Councilman Sheehan approach the remaining youth ball leagues to see if they also wish to erect temporary signs by the concession stand. The City will provide the signs. Conner seconded this motion. Motion carried 4-1 with Councilman Berkemeier voting “nay”.

**Dedication of Blue Ribbon Estates –** Pavey said he has been approached by the homeowners association of Blue Ribbon Estates and they would like to dedicate the road going into Blue Ribbon Estates and the cul-de-sac. Pavey stated that we are going through the proper steps that we need to for that dedication. While going through the process it has been determined that we will also need to place no parking signs along the cul-de-sac due to lack of room for emergency vehicles.

**Claims –** Conner made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There was no further business to come before Council; Bridges made a motion to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MAYOR

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ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MEMBER

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BRIAN G. CONNER, MEMBER

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CRAIG A. SMITH, MEMBER

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BRADLEY A. BERKEMEIER, MEMBER

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BRIAN J. SHEEHAN, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER